

3. REVIVAL IN NINEVEH

Sermon Notes

Text: Jonah 3:1-10

Intro:

God's grace extends to Jonah, not just for Jonah's sake, but for the sake of Nineveh.

Jonah 3:1-10

Jonah's sermon was only 5 words in Hebrew.

There's power, not in the preacher, but in the word of God

"Overthrown" = "Overturned"

• Play on words. This word can mean overthrown, or turned around. It represented the choice Nineveh had.

Romans 6:23

Genesis 4:7

Revival in Nineveh:

Jeremiah 18:7-8

The Ninevites expressed their repentance through physical acts (Sackcloth and fasting).

Jesus' call to repentance:

Mark 1:14-15

- 1. It's a timely call
- 2. It's a call to repentance
- 3. It's a call to believe

Conclusion:

Life Group Discussion

Warm up:

1. What stood out to you about Sunday's sermon? What was interesting? Confusing? Weird? Thought provoking?

Study & Discussion:

- 1. Jonah's sermon in Nineveh seems pretty weak, especially in comparison to the results. Why do you think that is? What is the importance of preaching today? How does it impact you?
- 2. God was threatening to destroy Nineveh in the same way he destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah (Genesis 19:1-29). What do you think of this method of judgement? Do you think God would do something like this today? Why or why not?
- 3. Read Jonah 3:5-10. The people of Nineveh proclaimed a fast and covered themselves in sackcloth as physical acts to represent their repentance. Have you ever used physical symbols to represent repentance? What do you think would be some good ideas if you wanted to try it?
- 4. Read Acts 2:22-41. This is the end of Peter's Day of Pentecost sermon the day revival broken out in Jerusalem. What do you notice about this scene? What did Peter tell them to do in response to his message (v. 38). What was the result? How does one "save [oneself] from this corrupt generation" (v. 40)?

Application:

 Revival starts when nominal Christians are converted and sleepy Christians wake up. Would you identify yourself in either of those categories? What needs to happen for you to experience personal revival?

Prayer: Pray for revival in our city.

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